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LETTER DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 8/9 September to 17/18 September 1992, as follows:

8-9 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown F-16, F-4, Jaguar and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Amarah, Salman, Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah and Al-Khadr. At 14.38 hours on 8 September 1992, a formation of two F-15s crossed the 32nd parallel to a depth of 20 kilometres in the Ali al-Sharqi area at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 7,000 metres.

11-12 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown by F-4, Mirage and other aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 19,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 69 sorties, flown by F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 800 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Salman and Busayyah.

12-13 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 84 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah and Salman.

13-14 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 3 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 4,000 metres, centred over Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 106 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Busayyah, Nasiriyah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Amarah and Basra. At 13.25 hours on 13 September 1992, a TR-1 aircraft crossed the 32nd parallel twice in succession, to depths of 20 and 25 kilometres, at an altitude of 20,000 metres over the marshlands area.

14-15 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown by F-4, Mirage and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Busayyah and the areas to the south of Najaf and Diwaniyah.

15-16 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown by F-4, Mirage and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Rawanduz, Tall Afar and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 73 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16, Mirage and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Artawi, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

16-17 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown by A-10, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Mosul and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah and Busayyah.

17-18 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Salman, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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